

TRIO OF YOUNG BOYS JAILED FOR STEALING 16 HAMS

Son Leads Pals To Father's Smokehouse In Hamilton Township Friday

Earl Mary, 15-year-old boy, was placed in jail here last Saturday afternoon for carrying a concealed weapon and for the alleged theft of about 16 hams from his father's smokehouse the afternoon and night before. Wilson Manning, 14 years old, Lester Terry, and Herbert Page, all white, are also being held in jail in connection with the ham stealing.

The troubled father, not suspecting his son in the least, reported the stealing to officers. Saturday afternoon Earl Mary was arrested in Oak City by Chief Pearson for carrying a pistol. The boy was placed in jail by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck.

In the meantime, Officer Barfield, of Hassell, learned that two hams had been sold to the owner of Bell's Filling Station, near Hassell. Bell said he bought the hams from Mary and Wilson Manning Friday afternoon. The Manning boy was arrested and placed in jail Sunday afternoon, and there the plot was told in detail. Herbert Page and Lester Terry were implicated. Page was already in jail, and about that time Terry called at the jail to pay Page a visit. Sheriff Roebuck invited him in, and Terry's arrest did not dawn upon him until the officer had locked the door and told the boys good-bye for the afternoon. Terry and Page deny the stealing charge.

According to the story told by the Manning and Mary boys, the first two hams were stolen Friday afternoon by them. After selling the meat to Bell, they went to Robersonville, attended the show and made arrangements with Terry and Page to make a sizeable haul on the smokehouse of Mary's father.

Breaking into the smokehouse, the four boys are said to have carried a number of hams and a quantity of pork to the car parked a short distance away. At the car the boys decided the pork was not very valuable, so they returned it and took more hams, about 14 in all. Mary and Manning said that Terry and Page were to dispose of the meat; that they did not know what became of it.

The four boys are scheduled to appear in court today.

About 60 days ago, young Mary was alleged to have stolen chickens from a Mrs. Bass in Hamilton Township. The case was handled in the juvenile court, and the boy was returned to his father. About two weeks ago, the boy was said to have stolen two hams from Mrs. Taft. The case was called in recorder's court last Tuesday and sent on to the superior court for Judge Parker to handle. And now three more charges are staring him in the face. They are: carrying a concealed weapon, stealing meat on two occasions from his own father. Page and Terry are said to have shady records.

ORPHAN CLASS CONCERT HERE

Will Appear in High School Auditorium Next Friday Night at 8:00 O'clock

With a complete change in personnel, the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear in a public concert in the high school building here Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The little singers, numbering 14, will arrive here that morning and probably remain over until Monday. Arrangements are now being considered to have the young people sing in the Methodist church Sunday evening, all other churches suspending their services at that hour.

No admission will be charged for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken. The orphanages of the State have borne the brunt of the depression, and with no relatives or near friends, it is hoped they will receive a welcome and a ready response from our people during their visit and performance here. If any one is unable to contribute to the worthy cause, they are invited to attend anyway, for the members of the local Masonic lodge, sponsors of the program, are anxious to have a large audience greet the little people here Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Commencement Finals at Farm Life Friday Night

Final exercises, marking the close of the Farm Life School, will be held there Friday night of this week when Rev. E. F. Moseley, Episcopal minister, delivers the commencement address. The graduation program will be held at that time also. There are nine members of the graduating class this year.

Thursday night the senior class will hold its class-day exercises.

Commencement Programs Under Way at School Here

The next program in the series of exercises marking the close of the local schools for the 1932-33 term was scheduled for tomorrow night when the members of the senior class were to hold their annual class-day event. Failure or refusal on the part of the last-year group to practice the program made it necessary to call off the events.

A high spot in the entire commencement program will be the address of Dr. Maynard O. Fletcher, of Washington, and the awarding of seventh grade certificates and high certificates and diplomas. Dr. Fletcher is making several appearances in this county alone this year, and he has been called to neighboring and far-off sections.

DISTRICT CLUBS TO HOLD MEET IN PLYMOUTH

Number of Martin Members Will Attend Meeting There Thursday

(By Miss Lora E. Sleeper)

Mr. G. H. Mizelle, sr., of the Poplar Chapel community may well be termed a real life saver. Owing to his generosity, Monday he offered his big truck to carry the women of the community and other near-by communities to the district club meeting to be held in Plymouth Thursday. Many hearts have been made glad by this offer and more women can attend as a result. The expenses will be decreased as more ride upon the big truck provided and a happy day is in store for the many who will take advantage of this economy in a trip to Plymouth. The truck is scheduled to leave Mr. Mizelle's home at 8:30 a. m. with Poplar Chapel and Angerton folks; go to Jamesville and pick up Jamesville women and then continue to Plymouth. The truck is to leave the Jamesville school at 9:30 a. m.

Others who have offered to help in transporting the women to Plymouth are Mr. G. H. Cox, of Robersonville. The offers are greatly appreciated, and we are all hoping that Martin County will come out in good numbers to attend the district meeting in Plymouth. Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant state director of extension work, is the main speaker on the program. If you never heard Mrs. McKimmon speak with voice and hands, as she does, you have missed a real treat. Martin folks are cordially invited to attend the meeting in Plymouth Thursday beginning at 10 a. m. in the school building.

3 PER CENT TAX VOTED BY HOUSE

School Machinery Bill Now Before the Legislature; Adjournment Near

The General Assembly last night agreed upon a 3 per cent sales tax when the house adopted the conference report on the revenue bill on its last reading by a vote of 53 to 41.

The action last night leaves only one major controversial matter for consideration and that is the school machinery bill. If there is no marked fight over the bill, the General Assembly will probably quit Raleigh on Thursday, but happenings last night were not so favorable for an adjournment before that time or even that day.

One of the main issues in the bill is whether to allow districts to vote for a ninth month of school. Then there are other provisions that are expected to cause a loud yell when the time comes to start the schools next fall.

Methodist Society Plans Big Baby Show Here

The Missionary Society of the local Methodist church is planning a baby show to be held here the latter part of this month in the building formerly occupied by the Williamston Cafe. An entrance fee of 25 cents will be charged and all entries should be announced to Mrs. Jesse Harrell. The entries are limited to children between the ages of 1 and 3 years. The winner will be determined by out-of-town judges, complete details of the show to be announced later.

D. N. Hix, Everetts School Man Suffers a Broken Arm

D. N. Hix, Everetts school principal, suffered a broken arm while playing ball there last week. While the right limb rests in a frame, the professor continues his writing with his left hand. He was struck by a pitched ball, breaking the arm.

tions to deliver commencement addresses and preach school closing sermons. He is an able speaker, and it is believed his talk and the other events on the program will attract an unusually large crowd to the high school here Thursday night.

Then on Friday night in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock, pupils of Miss Melba Russ will appear in a violin recital.

On the following Monday night Mrs. W. H. Biggs' music pupils will appear in a recital. The doors will be closed after that, and several months' vacation will be under way for the several hundred local school children, or at least a vacation for those who do not have to work.

CONTINUE WORK

Representative Lindsay Warren stated today that he is quite certain that Federal aid will be continued for vocational education and extension work. At one time both of these measures were slated to go and were to be entirely eliminated. It has already been decided to cut the appropriation for vocational education 15 per cent, and while no decision has yet been made about the Extension sermons. He is an able speaker, and he is confident now that the work will not be discontinued. For the last month Congressman Warren has been very active in behalf of retaining these measures, and has discussed same with the Director of the Budget and the Administration.

FORMER COUNTY MAN IS KILLED

George Jenkins Buried In Public Cemetery Here Yesterday

George Jenkins, a former Martin County man, was accidentally killed by a train near Suffolk last Saturday morning. Details of the accident could not be learned here, but it was stated that he died before he could be entered in a Suffolk hospital. One arm was severed and his head was hurt in the accident.

The son of Mrs. J. O. Jenkins and the late Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Jenkins was born near Robersonville 38 years ago. He had been in Suffolk for more than 10 years, during which time he was in the employ of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company. Besides his widow and four children, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Dawson Matthews, of near Robersonville, and Mrs. H. D. Coburn, of Blackstone, Va., and three brothers, Jim Jenkins, of Raleigh, Will Nelson, of Petersburg, Va., and Tom Nelson, of Wilmington. His mother also survives, his father having died about two years ago.

Funeral services were held in Suffolk yesterday and interment was in the local cemetery at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, conducting the last rites at the grave.

ARREST NUMBER OVER WEEK-END

Jail Population Increased From 3 To 13 In County Over Past Week-end

Crime activities here and in other parts of the county were common over the week-end, increasing the number of prisoners in jail from 3 to 13. And one or two other alleged violators had not been taken up until yesterday morning.

Roland Latham, James Wilson, Fred Smith, and Leroy Smith, all colored, were arrested here Saturday night by Officer Allsbrooks for alleged parts in an affray on Washington Street. At a hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell last night, the four were found guilty and fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. R. D. Spruill was implicated in the affray when evidence was offered, but his case has not been settled, it was learned this morning.

Roy Keel, colored, was jailed here last Saturday afternoon after he attempted to break out of the Robersonville jail, where he was placed for the alleged theft of wood.

Jones County Farmers Finish Transplanting

The setting of tobacco was completed in Jones County on May 5 and will likely be completed over most of the coastal plain by May 10, report farm agents.

TRIO PUT IN JAIL AFTER FIGHT ON ROAD NEAR HERE

Drunken Driving Escapade Results In Murderous Fight Saturday

Herbert Page and Junior Wynn, white boys, and J. D. Riddick, colored man, were jailed here Saturday afternoon following a murderous fight on the Washington highway about two miles from here. Wynn and Riddick are out under bond, and are scheduled to appear in court here today.

Using Highway No. 90 from Skewarkey to the Staton farm as a playground, Page, in an intoxicated condition, is said to have hogged the road with his car. He molested pedestrians by driving so close to them that they were forced to jump to the side of the road and in ditches for their safety. Riddick was returning home in his cart, and Page is said to have almost wrecked the mule-drawn vehicle. He repeated his dangerous driving about the cart, and Riddick said to have piloted his cart close to the ditch until he reached the Staton farm, where he stopped his mule. Page stopped his car and he and Wynn got out. Riddick got out, and soon the fight was under way in full blast. With an automobile jack in his hand, Page struck Riddick over the head with the weapon. Wynn scuffled into the affray but soon scuffled out, receiving only a slight injury to his forehead. Riddick took the jack from Page and returned the blow, adding another that gashed the boy's head and dented the skull. Page's wounds were stitched and he was later placed in jail to sober up.

Page has a record behind him, one of his escapades ending in Everetts some time ago, when he was found sleeping in J. S. Ayers' store window there. Page claimed at the time that the window was broken by some one else, that he crawled in and wrapped up in a blanket to keep warm.

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The Branch Banking and Trust Company here and the Bank of Robersonville, Robersonville, will observe tomorrow, Confederate Memorial Day, as a holiday, it was learned today. Other business will be carried on as usual.

NEMAR WILL BE HERE SOON FOR UNIQUE DRIVE

To Drive Car Blindfolded and Alone All Over Town Next Week

The blindfold test in cigarettes has been made familiar by newspaper advertising, but quite different is the blindfold test to which the blindfold driver, Nemar, will be subjected in his drive through the streets of Williamston, Wednesday May 17.

Not only will Nemar traverse the business streets of the town, stopping at certain intersections, but he will park his car in front of certain stores, get out and enter the establishments and select gifts which will be given away to the crowds in front of the stores.

The starting point for the drive, and other complete details will be announced through the columns of this newspaper.

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Columbian Peanut Co. Raises Wages

POSTMASTER PETE

Leslie T. Fowden, local insurance man, was yesterday named acting postmaster for the local office upon the recommendation of Congressman Lindsay Warren. It is not known just when Mr. Fowden will take charge of the local office, but he will probably go in not later than June 1.

The appointment is for the term ending February 4, 1934. In the meantime, Postmaster General Farley will arrange for competitive examinations, and an appointment will then be in order for the coming four years.

Mr. Fowden is turning over his insurance office to Reg Simpson and has employed Jesse T. Price, who will be connected in the business, it was learned here today.

21 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED LAST MONTH

Number of Marriages In the County Largest In Several Months

Twenty-one marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the largest number issued in this county in more than two years with the exception of one month, December, 1932, when 30 licenses were sold. Eight licenses were issued to white couples during the period, or one less than the number sold the month before. The number of licenses issued to colored couples was increased from 7 in March to 13 in April.

Licenses were issued to the following:

White
Warren Leggett, jr., and Lizzie Marie Gardner, both of Martin County.
Earl Parker Downs, of Halifax County, and Lou Ray Downs, of Bethel.
Leon Overton and Helen Lee Cobb, both of Bertie County.
J. B. Nicholson and Annie R. Wynn, both of Martin County.
William Franklin Fleming, of Pitt County, and Lena Blanche Martin, of this county.
R. H. Rawls and Eunice Harrell, both of Pitt County.
William Robert Harris and Margaret Taylor, both of Martin County.

Colored
Elmore Clemmons and Sally Coburn, both of Martin County.
Levi Smith and Annie Mayo Cotton, of Martin County.
Arthur Slade and Delia Ann Purvis, both of this county.
Primus Sherrod and Nina Parker, of Martin County.

Leroy Armistead and Cassada Harper, both of Washington County.
Walter Lee Jones and Anne Mae Spruill, both of Martin County.

Levester Taylor and Sarah Fisher, of this county.
George Dewey Williams and Gladys Lynch, both of Martin.

Julius Latham and Daisy Rogers, both of Martin.
J. C. Clemmons and Beulah Latham, of Martin.

Grady Rice, of Washington City, and Queen Spivey, of Bertie County.
Thomas Whitley and Adell Grimes, of Martin.

Jack Bonds and Mariah Brown, both of this county.

TWO NEW STATE PAPERS STARTED

Goerch and Carroll Wilson To Start the Issuance of State Pamphlets Soon

Carl Goerch, editor of the Washington Progress and for several months a feature speaker over Raleigh's radio station, is starting a new paper, "The State." Mr. Goerch, well known in this section, where he has lived for a number of years, announced his new undertaking over the week-end. The paper will be in the form of a magazine and will deal with state-wide happenings, it is understood.

Another state-wide organ was announced over the week-end, one sponsored by Senator Bob Reynolds and Carroll Wilson, editor of the Roanoke Rapids Herald. The paper, it was said, will have a main office in Raleigh and several branches throughout the State. The paper will have a special representative in Williamston. The paper, according to information received here, will be printed in Roanoke Rapids and will make its appearance the latter part of this month.

PLANT HERE ONE OF 26 AFFECTED BY ORDER MAY 1

Means Increase of Several Thousand Dollars At the Plant Here Annually

That conditions are improving throughout the country was evidenced here this week when the Columbian Peanut Company, operators of 26 factories in five states, announced a 10 to 20 per cent increase in wages and salaries of its more than 2,000 employees. The more than 100 workers at the Williamston factory, along with the other hundreds will enjoy the increase as of May 1, it was learned from Capt. W. F. Pritchard, of the local plant, yesterday morning.

Similar wage increases have been announced recently by big industrial plants throughout the country. An increase in wage incomes is regarded as the greatest step toward business recovery. When wages increase, business increases in like proportion. The increase here means an additional \$75 or \$100 for circulation each week, or an amount of several thousand dollars annually.

In connection with the increase in wages putting employees back on a pre-depression scale, H. C. Smither, president of the company, said:

"We hope that other industries throughout the South will follow our example and comply with President Roosevelt's request."

The announcement of the wage raise came in the face of a sharp advance in the price peanut buyers are paying farmers for peanuts. The purchase price from growers has practically doubled within the last six months and peanut companies here and in this section are doing business at an increase of about 33.3 per cent over the same period last year.

Six months ago, for instance, the general market price for peanuts was from one cent to one and one-eighth cents a pound to the farmer for his product. Yesterday the Columbian Peanut Company was paying two cents a pound for the better grades, and officers of the company expected to see further advances in prices.

Peanut product manufacturers throughout the United States are buying peanuts as they have not bought them before in many months, and orders continue to pour in for the manufactured products.

"Realizing the deplorable plight of the peanut growers the present season and with the desire to assist them in securing the highest possible prices for their crops, this company has consistently endeavored to maintain the highest possible prices at all of its mills in the peanut-producing territories."

"Up to the present time, the purchases and sales of the company have been the largest in the history of the company, showing a large consumption in spite of the depression."

"With the advent of the 'New Deal,' business activity throughout the entire country has greatly increased. Cotton, corn, wheat, and other farm products have advanced in price greatly, and peanuts also have advanced materially from the extreme low price, with indications that a further advance in price is probable."

"With the large consumption of peanuts the present season, together with an anticipated reduction in acreage for the next crop, it is probable that any surplus of the old crop will be required for the increasing demands of the peanut and peanut product distributors throughout the country."

"The inflation bill just passed by Congress eventually means cheaper money and higher-priced commodities, and there is no reason why peanuts, if not forced on the market too fast during the remainder of the season, should not share in the general improvement in prices."

So far as is known here, the Columbian Peanut Company's wholesale increase in pay for its employees is the first of its kind by any large corporation in the South.

Everetts School Closes the 1932-33 Term Tomorrow

Activities in the Everetts school will be brought to a close tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, when Rev. E. C. Shoe, of Robersonville, delivers the commencement address. Superintendent of County Schools J. C. Manning will make the awards at that time. This evening at 8 o'clock, the seniors will hold their class-day exercises, Principal Hix announced yesterday.

The commencement sermon in the school auditorium Sunday morning by Rev. Kermit Traylor, of Wilson, was well attended.